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SUBJECT: AUSTRIA PROVIDES LOST AND STOLEN PASSPORTS NOTE

¶1. (U) Austrian MFA delivered an electronic copy of a Diplomatic Note, dated 3 July 2009, on lost and stolen passports to the Embassy on July 7. Operative text follows:

Begin text

(Complimentary opening)

The Ministry has noted the U.S. statutory requirements set forth in the implementing Recommendations of the 09/11 Commission Act of 2007, Pub.L.No.110-53, and specifically the requirement that each member of the Visa Waiver Program enter into an agreement with the United States to report or make available to the United States through INTERPOL or other acceptable means, information about lost and stolen passports within a strict time limit and in a manner specified.

On behalf of the Government of Austria, the Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs is pleased to inform the Government of the United States of America that Austria intends to continue reporting lost and stolen passports to INTERPOL in compliance with relevant INTERPOL rules, regulations and performance standards and European Union Common Position 2005/69/JHA of January 24, 2005, on exchanging certain data with INTERPOL, and to make available, through appropriate INTERPOL mechanisms, statistics demonstrating the observance of these standards.

On behalf of the Government of Austria, the Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs approves that the note of the Embassy of the United States and this reply from the Ministry constitute a shared understanding between our two Governments.

(Complimentary closing)

End Text.

¶2. The MFA has confirmed that the original hard copy of the text has also been sent to the Embassy. The electronic copy of the Note has been e-mailed to the Visa Waiver Office (Frey) in DHS.

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